

# MRFSS Facts and Figures

## Delaware 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
ATLANTIC CROAKER	1,231	391	294	840	11.2"
WEAKFISH	1,069	456	616	614	15.6"
SUMMER FLOUNDER	955	219	387	736	16.7"
BLUEFISH	424	150	202	275	13.0"
BLACK SEA BASS	336	52	61	284	13.0"

Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

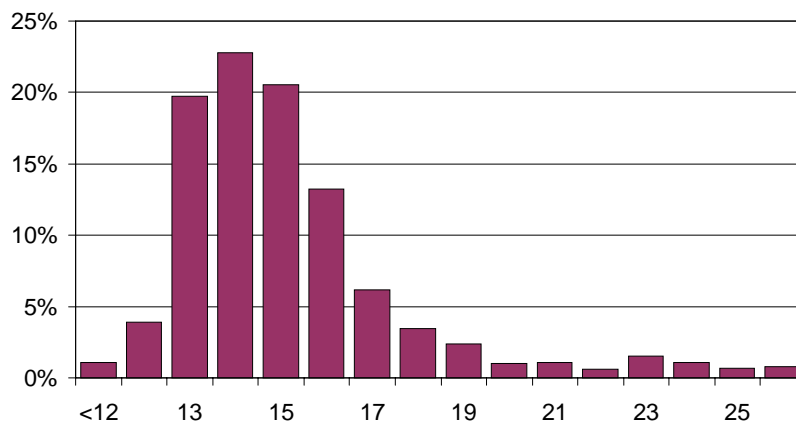
### Weakfish

*Cynoscion regalis*



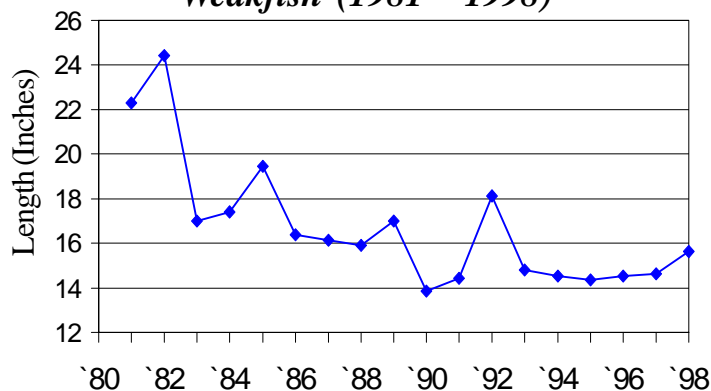
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 90 species of marine fish landed in Delaware.

### Length Distribution (in inches) Harvested Weakfish (1998)

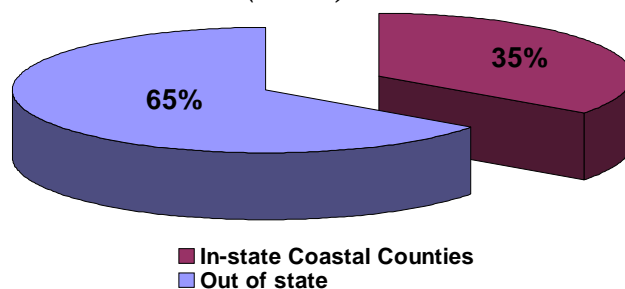


In 1998, over 76% of harvested weakfish averaged between 13 and 16 inches in length.

### Average Length of Harvested Weakfish (1981 - 1998)



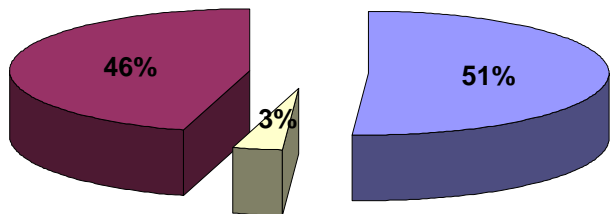
### Delaware Anglers' Area of Residence (1998)



All of DE is considered "coastal."

In 1998, over 291,000 anglers participated in Delaware's Marine Recreational Fishery.

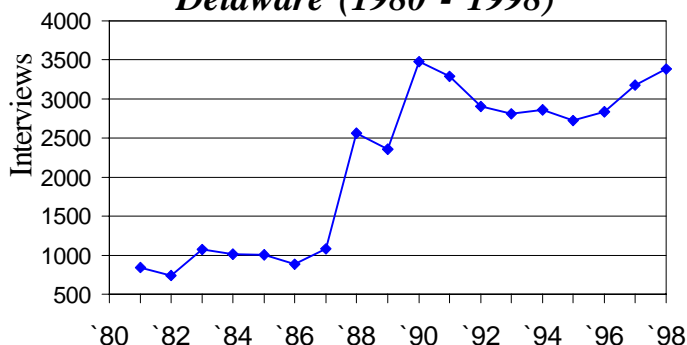
### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



Shore Party/Charter Boat Private/Rental Boat

In 1998, anglers took over 919,000 saltwater fishing trips in Delaware.

### Number of Completed Field Surveys Delaware (1980 - 1998)

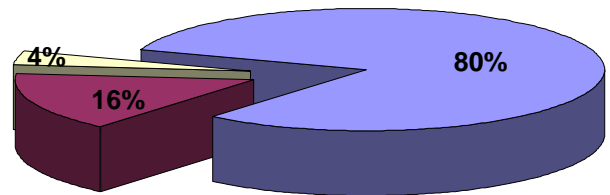


In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 3,388 surveys in Delaware.

Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

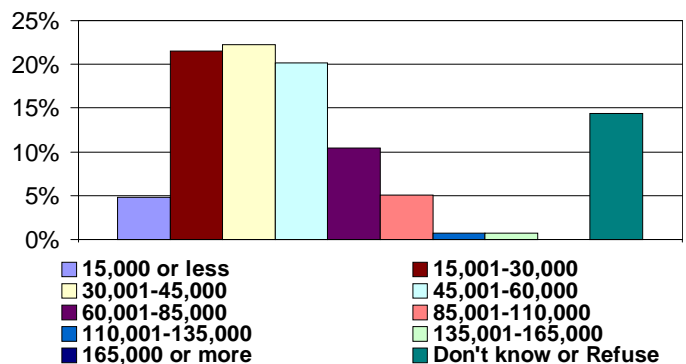
In 1998, contributions by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife increased the number of completed field surveys by 268% over the base MRFSS and also increased the number of telephone surveys by 72% over the base MRFSS.

### Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)

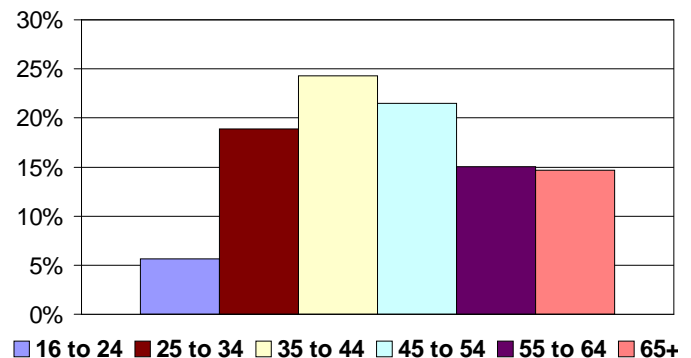


State Waters Federal Waters Inland Waters

### Income Distribution for Delaware Anglers (1994)



### Age Distribution of Delaware Anglers (1994)



## DELAWARE MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

### Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife

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[www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/fwvel.htm](http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/fw/fwvel.htm)

### Delaware Saltwater Fishing

#### Rules and Regulations

(302) 739-3441

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### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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### Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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